

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 5. This sheet, which includes Figure 5, replaces the original sheet including Figure 5. Element 5 has been changed to element 15.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

The application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-10 are pending with claims 1-2 and 10 being independent.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

Drawing Figure 5 is being amended to correct an element identification number.

The Official Action rejects claims 1-7 and 10 under §102 as anticipated by BERGEMONT 5,847,426.

The Official Action rejects claims 8-9 under §103 as obvious over BERGEMONT in view of SAITOH 5,895,720.

The independent claims have been amended so as to patentably recite the present invention. That is, the shielding electrode recitation has been amended to clarify that the shielding electrode is a continuous line that extends in parallel with the gate electrode. Further, in claim 10 the recitations concerning the diffusion layers are clarified so as to recite a diffusion layer for a drain line and another diffusion layer for a source line. The claim concludes reciting that both the source and drain lines are of the same width.

BERGEMONT discloses neither of these recitations.

With reference to Figure 10, see that BERGEMONT teaches isolation blocks and not the recited continuous isolation lines.

With respect to the source and drain lines being the same width, see Figure 11 showing that the source lines have a width greater than the drain lines. In view of the above-noted differences, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

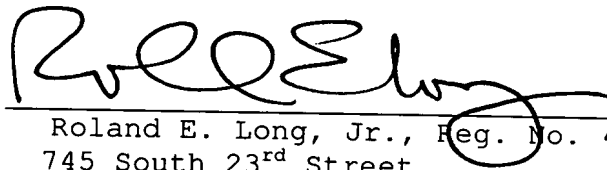
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- a Replacement Sheet for Figure 5 of the drawings